

FRENCH AGAIN HURL FORCES FORWARD IN FIERCE ASSAULT ON GERMAN LEFT WING

retreat of Von Kluk's army would naturally compel the retirement of the entire German force. There is no pivotal point in the extreme eastern part of France for the army to swing upon, so that we assume that the German left will fall back to Metz and the center and right wing will move backward to Belgium. It is my opinion that the next big battle will be fought on German and Belgian soil and that the Germans will be strictly upon the defensive. I would not be surprised to see Germany suing for peace by the beginning of 1915."

Wounded French and British soldiers arriving in this city report tremendous fighting along the line, especially at the western end, where the Allies have been making a supreme effort to shatter the invaders' flank, the losses are frightful. Every trench that the Germans have been compelled to give up is full of dead. The French generals telegraphed to General Gallien, the military governor of Paris, to rush a trainload of chloride of lime. The German trenches will be filled with lime and the battlefields will be sprinkled.

Losses of the Germans have been appalling. Some unofficial estimates place the invaders' losses in the battle of the Marne and the battle of the Aisne at 500,000 killed, wounded and prisoners. In the absence of official estimates only guesses can be made. The eighteenth day of the big engagement found the German defensive apparently much weaker and the Allies, on account of the strength imparted by fresh troops, have been able to occupy more favorable positions. It is said

that the French and British have been able to capture a number of heavy German guns, but have not been able to turn them upon the enemy, owing to lack of suitable ammunition.

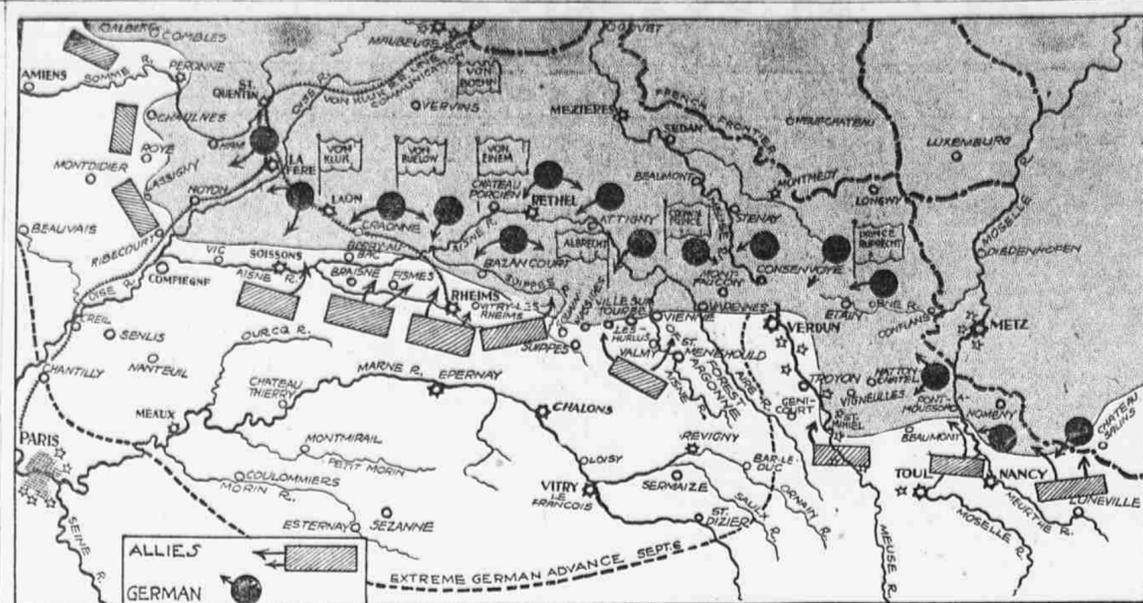
Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria is reported to have been captured by the French and to be a prisoner in Nomeny. In order to liberate the Crown Prince the Germans are making vigorous assaults against Nomeny, it is said.

An officer, just back from the front, says that the French who are operating in the vicinity of Thiaucourt have been meeting with success and that the Germans in their rearward movement lost a number of prisoners. One German corps is said to have been beaten back in disorder at that point, many of the soldiers surrendering voluntarily to the pursuers.

This corps is believed to have been the 60th, which is known to have been operating in that district. Thiaucourt is 27 miles southeast of Verdun and about 23 miles northwest of Nancy.

The Germans have been making vigorous efforts to retain their lines and the troops stationed in the center, near Rheims, have been engaged in violent operations which are believed to have been a cover for the reported retreat of General von Kluk.

It is claimed, Von Kluk's army is giving way—and there seems to be nothing to militate against such a conclusion—the center would have to hold firm in order to prevent the French from driving northward at Rheims and cutting the German right off from the balance of the army.



The official line of battle as given out by the French War Office, but without date, so that changes may have occurred since the combatants occupied the positions noted, has not changed markedly on the right, center or left. As now lined up the French right runs from Pont-a-Mousson to St. Mihiel, then to the heights of the Meuse southeast of Verdun, where stiff fighting, including a bombardment with siege guns, has been going on for several days. In the center, between Verdun and Rheims, the line runs through Varennes, Souain, around Rheims to Berry-au-Bac and the heights north of the River Aisne which it follows almost to Soissons and Compiègne. Across the Aisne and the Oise the line runs through Ribecourt (held by the French) to Lassigny (held by the Germans), to Roye (held by the French), and Chaulnes (held by the Germans). To the north of the Somme the line stretches between Albert and Comblès. Further north, unofficially, it is reported that the French are fighting an extended German line near Cambrai and the Belgian border.

REPULSE OF FRENCH RIGHT ONLY CHANGE, BERLIN SAYS

BERLIN, Sept. 30 (by way of Amsterdam). The official statement this afternoon reports no decisive action between the Oise and Meuse Rivers, but adds that the German force operating against the Verdun-Toul fortifications has repulsed the French assault.

The official statement follows: Between the Oise and the Meuse the situation is generally quiet. The army operating against the forts of the Meuse has repulsed another attack by the French army from the Verdun and Toul forts.

An assault delivered by Belgian troops from the Antwerp garrison has been repulsed by the Germans. Earlier in the day the following brief announcement was made:

An indecisive battle has occurred on the right wing of the German army in France. Since guns opened fire Tuesday on the Antwerp fortresses. The French have renewed their advances about Verdun. It is quiet along the center.

A brief statement issued at midnight declared that the allied French and British forces shattered their attacks without success, and that whenever any ground was lost by the Germans it immediately was regained.

(This is the first admission from

Berlin that the Germans ever had lost ground in the battle of the Aisne.)

The latest list of casualties issued here increases the number of German troops killed, wounded and missing to more than 117,000. The great majority are named as missing. This total covers the fighting in both the eastern and western theatres of war. In the latest list the 60th Infantry Regiment was the heaviest loser. Out of its enrollment, 18 officers, 15 non-commissioned officers and 582 men were listed as killed, 156 officers and men as wounded and 139 missing.

It is stated officially that Prince Oscar, who is suffering from heart disease, will be unable to return to the front. He has begged his father, Emperor William, for permission to visit the physicians orders, but the Emperor has upheld their edict.

Prince Joachim, who was recently wounded, will return to the front early in September, the statement adds. "The prince's return to the front is well."

This report of the report sent by English correspondents from Belgium that Prince Adolph had died in a Brussels hospital.

REPORTS CONFIRM GERMAN RETREAT, LONDON BELIEVES

LONDON, Sept. 30.—That the armies of the Allies are slowly but surely driving back the front lines of the Germans along the Aisne is the firm belief of London today.

Every report is interpreted as confirmation of this. The repulse of the Germans in the fighting between the Aisne and the Oise is believed to be a failure of an advance started by the enemy to smash the retirement back of his entrenched lines.

The removal of the headquarters of General von Der Goltz, the German Governor of Belgium, to Namur from Brussels is believed authentic.

In it is seen the preparations by the Germans for a change in the scene of conflict from the battle fronts in France to Belgium, where the Germans will have their lines along their own frontier.

The work of fortifying the Rhine, of which accounts have reached London from both Switzerland and Holland, is contradictory of this belief.

Today's official statements in Berlin and Paris indicate the advantage rests with the Allies. The German statement admits that the French are advancing in the neighborhood of Verdun. The French statement confirms this and gives the further information that the Germans have been driven east of St. Mihiel, which the Germans recently captured.

but it will be a constant menace to these lines. The turning movement of the Allies to the north menaces the long line of the German communications through Belgium. As has been pointed out in the armies of Generals von Boche and these dispatches previously, this line, if cut, only a rapid retreat can save the German right wing and center.

Reports have been received here that von Kluk, comprising the German right wing, were in full retreat.

Through the English censor permitted the transmission of unofficial dispatches stating that the German right wing had met with disaster. The German Press Bureau refused to confirm this. This statement was made at 10:15 a. m.

The Press Bureau is unable to confirm the report that the German right wing has been broken and is being pushed back.

Efforts to get an explanation of the word "broken" another hearing that no information had been received or whether in accordance with the rule that no report on fighting should be issued until five days after it has taken place met with no success.

This dispatch was received by the Express from its correspondent at Ghent. "Persons arriving here from Brussels say that the Germans are preparing to move the administrative headquarters of the military government from Brussels to Namur. This is taken to mean that the Germans are getting ready for the next stand near their own frontier."

JAPANESE CRUSH FORTS OF TSING-TAO AND MENACE TOWN

Heavy Guns Planned for Bombardment and Surrender of German Garrison Is Believed Imminent.

PEKIN, Sept. 30.—The fall of Tsing-Tao is imminent as a result of steady bombardment from both land and sea according to a statement issued at the Japanese Legation today. It said that Fort Liao already has been silenced and that heavy damage had been inflicted on Fort Kaiser Point. These two forts, with Fort Moltke, form the center of the German stronghold.

Confirming reports of Japanese successes at Kiao-chow, the Tokio Government, in an official statement issued this afternoon, announced that a Japanese naval force has succeeded in capturing Liao-ho, near the main settlement of Tsing-Tao. The Japanese captured four 10-inch guns.

In order to shell forts effectively it is necessary to mount guns on Mount Aoshan. These were dragged up the mountain for 24 feet under cover of an attack that kept the real plan of the Japanese concealed. When the Germans discovered that the Japanese troops were shelling their forts, they had already reached the position chosen.

A bursting shell killed the soldiers who were drawing up the fifth and it fell back to the bottom of the mountain. The right wing of the Allies now extends to Kiao-chow Bay west of Liao-shan. Guns have been mounted there that have a longer range than those on the German batteries in the bay, and the latter have been forced to seek shelter behind Yu-Tai Island.

Before the German gunboats were driven back, bombs dropped from aeroplanes had killed a number of English soldiers.

BRITISH VIOLATE HOLLAND'S NEUTRALITY, BERLIN SAYS

Capture Dutch Ships and Drop Bombs on Towns, Are Charges.

BERLIN, Sept. 30.—The wireless through Stockholm, L. L. It is announced here that Sven Holm, the famous Swedish explorer, employed by a Swedish company, has been arrested in Swedish waters, to which he has given indications of his journey through Belgian and French territory occupied by the Germans, that the population is returning to their homes, and that the splendid discipline of the German troops.

This information also was given out through the wireless. According to the wireless attitude of the British warships cruising near the Dutch coast, Turkey closed the straits. "Holland is exercised by the capture of Dutch ships by the British. The Rotterdam Chamber of Commerce has repeatedly denigrated the rights of neutral States. The Dutch steamer Sophie Rotterdam to New York, was captured by the British in the channel and taken to London."

The British Minister at The Hague has advised that a British aviator flying above the Dutch town of Maastricht dropped a bomb, thus violating Dutch neutrality. "Captured British officers, Colonel Gwynne and Lieutenant Colonel Neish, both of the 10th Hussars, have been released in an official statement that the British Government handed over to both Indian bullets to take the place of Russian shells. Gordon was reported more than two weeks ago to have been killed in battle."

Mrs. A. B. Colbrige, wife of Sergeant Forest Colbrige, of the 14th District police station, died today at her home, 1005 High Street, city, at the age of 77. Mrs. Colbrige was 57 years old and had been ill for some time. She succeeded this morning to a stroke of paralysis. Her husband, one son and a daughter survive.

NEW KRUPP GUNS ADD POWER TO KAISER'S KIEL CRUISERS

Great Fleet in North Sea Expected to Give Early Battle.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 30.—Germany is strengthening the armament of her fleet in the North Sea, according to reports of travelers who have recently passed through the Kiel Canal. The vessels are being equipped with new ordnance which the Krupp works have perfected after two years of experiment. The new guns are being placed on both armored cruisers and dreadnoughts.

The canal is described as being crowded with warships, including the largest battleships. The armaments are busy day and night, and long trains arrive continuously with immense guns for the ships.

The Germans are reported as declaring that the whole fleet soon will be ready to fight.

The correspondent of the Evening News has telegraphed to London that the sixth German naval casualty list gives the names of one man killed and 31 officers and 45 men missing.

Beginning on Thursday, according to orders issued today by the British naval authorities, no neutral travelers will be allowed to fish on the east coast of England, but they may continue their operations on the west coast.

This order will affect a large number of Dutch and Danish trawlers now using Grimby as a fishing base.

ROUT OF VON KLUK IMPROBABLE, SAYS MILITARY ANALYST

German Right Actually Progressing and Still on Offensive, Is Opinion of War Writer.

By J. W. T. MASON

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—There is no official information that can in any way be interpreted as affording a basis for the Paris report of General von Kluk's retreat. On the contrary, the new battle line of the Allies, announced with usual frankness by the French Government, shows a considerable gain by the Germans.

Last week Peronne and Lassigny were in possession of the Allies, representing the closest points to Von Kluk's main defenses that had been captured since the battle of the Aisne began. The new disposition of the battle front restores Lassigny to Von Kluk and moves the Allies 10 miles back of Peronne, between Comblès and Albert. The reconstructed battle line shows considerable offensive power is retained by Von Kluk.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE, SWEEPING HUNGARY, NEARS BUDAPEST

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GERMAN WARSHIP REPORTED LOST IN NORTH SEA STORM

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EIGHT ARMY CORPS IN FURIOUS BATTLE ON POLISH BORDER

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